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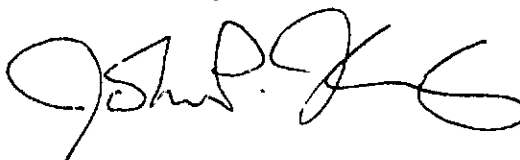
**Re: Project No. 17-035, Manor Court of
Rochelle**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed support letter from Robert H. Wagner, MD for the above referenced project.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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December 5, 2017

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Certificate of Need Application # 17-035
Manor Court of Rochelle

Dear Administrator Avery:

I am writing to support Residential Alternative of Illinois's (hereafter known as RAI) above referenced proposal to establish a 92 general long-term care beds in Rochelle, Southeastern Ogle County. The beds compliment will be for 70 general Long-Term nursing care and 22 specialized memory care beds.

I am a practicing physician for 43 years, I have been a Medical Director of long-term Nursing care facility and I currently serve as President of a Not-for-Profit Board Unlimited Development, Inc. (UDI). UDI owns and/or operates 12 long-term care campuses in Southern and Central Illinois. In my professional opinion as a physician and in my practical experience with UDI, there is such a need for additional general and specialized memory care beds. Long-term care residents need programming designed around their individual needs. That programming should be more enhanced when those needs include memory care. It is my understanding that any facility can admit a nursing resident with dementia but is that really the best care that will provide quality of life for all residents. Our organization has experienced improved quality of life, prolonged maintenance of good health and more positive responses from families when specialized programs and therapy are provided to those in need of memory care in a specific and specialized home.

In looking at the proposed Rochelle project, I can concur with the Applicant that it is not the preferred health care delivery method to comingle residents that is mixing nursing residents with residents who have memory care needs or residents with mental illness needs. Residents who are generally frail as compared to those who's medical needs are overshadowed by their mental illness, and those generally frail who need specific memory care. I heart fully endorse the

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proposed project. The health delivery system for all including long-term care has changed drastically even in the last five years. While many older facilities provide quality care, that quality is hampered by lack of adequate space; space for therapy, space for socializing and even for privacy. It is interesting to note that the two nursing facilities in Rochelle have a combined average of only 271.5 square feet per bed whereas it is my understanding the proposed project will have 691 square feet per bed. RAI's project is building to the needs of the Rochelle Community both in terms of general and specialized care.

Thank you for giving RAI's certificate of need every consideration and look forward to seeing this project come to fruition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert H. Wagner, M.D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert H. Wagner, MD